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SUBJECT: JOHN HUME CASTIGATES PROVISIONALS AS SDLP ALLEGES
HIGH LEVEL APPROVAL OF POLICE BRUTALITY

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1. MARCH 7 JOHN HUME, A LEADER OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP), STATED THAT PROVISIONAL IRA HAD REDUCED ITSELF TO LEVEL NOT REACHED BY ANY IRISH ORGANIZATION IN HISTORY IN MURDURING A SECTION OF IRISH PEOPLE (BUSINESSMEN) SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE WAY THEY MADE THEIR LIVING. PROVISIONALS REACTED WITH STATEMENT MARCH 8 ACCUSING MR. HUME OF BEING AT SERVICE OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM, CITING HIS PRESENCE IN EXECUTIVE IN 1974 DURING PERIOD WHEN FORTY IRISHMEN INTERNED AND FINES LEVIED ON THOSE IN RENT AND RATE STRIKES. PROVISIONALS ANNOUNCED THAT ATTACKS ON BUSINESSMEN WOULD BE INTENSIFIED.

2. HUME REPLIED MARCH 8 BY REPEATING HIS QUESTION OF HOW A MOVEMENT THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE DEDICATED TO THE RECONILATION OF CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT AND DISSENTETIN IRELAND CAN JUSTIFY MAKING WAR ON A SECTION OF THE IRISH PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE OPPOSED TO THE WAY THAT SECTION EARNS LITS LIVING. HE ADDED THAT PROVISIONAL REPLY IN FAILING TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION HAD DEMONSTRATED COMPLETE BANKRUPTCY OF PROVISIONAL LEADERSHIP AND EXPRESSED HOPE "...THAT SOMEONE IN THE RANKS WILL HAVE THE GUTS TO STAND UP AND SAY SO."

3. SDLP IS REQUESTING MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ROY

MASON TO CONVEY "SERIOUS DISQUIET" ABOUT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
ILL-TREATMENT OF PERSONS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY ROYAL ULSTER
CONSTABULARY (RUC) FOR QUESTIONING. SDLP CLAIMS THEIR
CONCERN "...HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY PARTY INVESTIGATION AND
BACKED UP BY MEDICAL EVIDENCE." SDLP CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVES
SAID MARCH 8 THAT THERE WERE GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING THAT
ILL-TREATMENT WAS APPROVED AT HIGH LEVEL AND WAS NOT RESULT
OF INDIVIDUAL POLICE MALPRACTICE. SPICER

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